

Family Courts

2014 Family Court Case Filings

Table 1

	Total Filings	Divorce	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total	Contempt	Modification
Barbour	206	78	83	45	100	32	68
Berkeley	1,724	581	513	630	645	268	377
Boone	495	192	187	116	158	48	110
Braxton	215	68	64	83	88	44	44
Brooke	325	112	100	113	43	14	29
Cabell	1,722	593	746	383	836	326	510
Calhoun	121	67	21	33	52	15	37
Clay	234	90	91	53	121	63	58
Doddridge	103	41	35	27	44	15	29
Fayette	836	274	274	288	521	215	306
Gilmer	112	43	37	32	36	14	22
Grant	185	63	62	60	139	54	85
Greenbrier	743	215	274	254	249	176	73
Hampshire	333	124	58	151	128	45	83
Hancock	448	127	132	189	62	21	41
Hardy	235	77	83	75	182	47	135
Harrison	1,165	372	486	307	483	198	285
Jackson	570	189	205	176	233	79	154
Jefferson	722	219	212	291	361	186	175
Kanawha	4,185	1,146	1,934	1,105	1,626	672	954
Lewis	237	95	56	86	119	52	67
Lincoln	518	175	175	168	800	562	238
Logan	921	295	373	253	569	176	393
Marion	688	257	235	196	244	83	161
Marshall	470	146	193	131	224	79	145
Mason	480	158	175	147	136	50	86
McDowell	577	158	218	201	232	83	149
Mercer	1,523	464	675	384	523	154	369
Mineral	449	156	104	189	211	84	127
Mingo	930	270	408	252	244	78	166
Monongalia	947	341	370	236	345	137	208
Monroe	332	88	140	104	92	59	33
Morgan	197	66	74	57	79	32	47
Nicholas	507	193	186	128	279	138	141
Ohio	523	147	184	192	169	93	76
Pendleton	115	42	32	41	63	21	42
Pleasants	105	37	37	31	24	6	18
Pocahontas	139	46	40	53	76	47	29
Preston	489	169	190	130	239	103	136
Putnam	800	347	250	203	169	57	112
Raleigh	1,353	526	572	255	684	318	366
Randolph	535	175	251	109	209	75	134
Ritchie	146	70	42	34	78	36	42
Roane	261	116	66	79	187	90	97
Summers	245	84	97	64	163	76	87
Taylor	215	114	64	37	106	46	60
Tucker	74	30	24	20	38	12	26
Tyler	109	39	41	29	44	15	29
Upshur	352	188	84	80	96	31	65
Wayne	491	256	130	105	549	280	269
Webster	140	60	6	74	108	76	32
Wetzel	219	69	71	79	94	21	73
Wirt	116	38	51	27	71	43	28
Wood	1,583	538	673	372	266	86	180
Wyoming	640	185	296	159	367	159	208
Grand Total	32,105	10,809	12,180	9,116	14,004	5,990	8,014

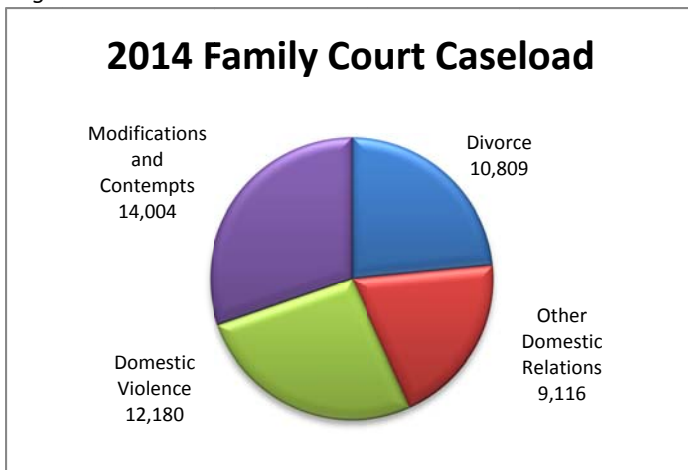
2014 Family Court Marriages Performed by Count

Table 2

County	Total Marriages	County	Total Marriages	County	Total Marriages
Barbour	7	Kanawha	131	Preston	46
Berkeley	36	Lewis	3	Putnam	0
Boone	13	Lincoln	9	Raleigh	30
Braxton	19	Logan	25	Randolph	8
Brooke	3	Marion	1	Ritchie	2
Cabell*	-	Marshall	6	Roane	7
Calhoun	1	Mason	23	Summers	3
Clay	5	McDowell	0	Taylor	16
Doddridge	0	Mercer	3	Tucker	0
Fayette	1	Mineral	1	Tyler	5
Gilmer	8	Mingo	4	Upshur	3
Grant	6	Monongalia	68	Wayne	0
Greenbrier	0	Monroe	0	Webster	0
Hampshire	0	Morgan	15	Wetzel	7
Hancock	7	Nicholas	35	Wirt	2
Hardy	26	Ohio	3	Wood	9
Harrison	79	Pendleton	3	Wyoming	4
Jackson	25	Pleasants	1	Grand total	750
Jefferson	41	Pocahontas	0		

Note: * Data was not provided for Cabell county.

Figure 1



West Virginia has forty-five family court judges in twenty-seven family court circuits. To serve, family court judges must have practiced law for at least five years. Their terms are eight years.

Family courts have jurisdiction over divorce, annulment, separate maintenance, paternity, grandparent visitation, name change, infant guardianship, child custody, and family support proceedings, except those incidental to child abuse and neglect. Family court judges also hold final hearings in civil domestic relations and may perform marriages.

In 2014, there were 32,105 new cases filed in family court in West Virginia, a 3.3 percent decrease from 2013 cases filed. Of those, 12,180 were domestic violence, 10,809 were divorces, and 9,116 were other domestic relations. There were also 14,004 modifications and contempt proceedings in cases reopened during the year, which were not counted as new cases filed. Details can be seen in Table 1 and Figure 1.

In 2014, 750 weddings were held in family courts. Details can be seen in Table 2.

Family court judges can refer divorcing parents to mediation and parent education and refer children for guardian *ad litem* services. Details can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3

West Virginians Served by Supreme Court–Supported Family Visitation Centers in 2014

Category	Number
Total Clients Served.....	1, 079
Fathers.....	502
Mothers.....	519
Grandparent /Legal Guardian.....	58
Children Involved.....	799
Supervised Visitation.....	650
Neutral Drop-off.....	429
Total number of clients served = fathers + mothers + grandparent/legal guardian	